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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CAUSED COLLISIONS DECLINE

The first half of 2005 saw a 40 percent decline in the number of school bus driver caused collisions compared to the same time period in 2004. While 55 reportable school bus driver caused collisions occurred January through June in 2004, the number tumbled to 33 for 2005.

Starting in 2003, approximately 30 school bus driver trainers from across Washington attend annual training at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Academy. The training involves a day of classroom and two days on the Academy drive course developing defensive driving skills in school buses which are then shared with drivers at their respective school districts.

“The additional training is starting to show exciting results,” stated WSP Commercial Vehicle Division Captain Coral Estes. “Working with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, we will continue the training in hopes of bringing down the number of school bus driver caused collisions even further.”

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